

AT THE SEA-SIDE.

OUR CAPE MAY LETTER.

The Winding Up—A Summary of the Summer's Doings—The Facts and Figures in the Case—Amusements Past and Prospective—The Spirit of Improvement.

From our own Correspondent.

CAPE ISLAND, N. J., Aug. 24, 1868. This day is a day for a pensive mood. The atmosphere is in one of its most peculiar humors, quite indescribable. Although somewhat hazy, and foreboding a storm, it is still wondrously clear and altogether agreeable.

Another topic of frequent discussion has been the unusual success attending the present season. The same reliable authorities quoted above, the old-time residents of the island, are quite well assured that never in the past has it been equalled, and never approached save by the season of 1865.

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In addition to these are half a score of smaller concerns, at which from 200 to 400 different persons have been entertained during the season.

Although the great rush terminated about two weeks ago, the season is not yet at an end. At three or four hotels the arrivals of Saturday numbered about one hundred, and the departures this morning were unusually and unexpectedly light.

The scene at dinner at Congress Hall or the Columbia House shows that hundreds of people are still crowded away at each place; while the cottagers, most of whom came down very early in the season, have not yet made preparations for the exodus to the city.

On Saturday evening the last grand hop at the Columbia House took place, under the management of Mr. Mark Hassler. The large dining-room was crowded, and the assemblage was as brilliant and vivacious as any which has preceded it.

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whole of which can easily be made available for bathing purposes. During the autumn months it will be laid out with spacious gravelled avenues for driving, and plank walks for promenade, and will then be thrown upon the market as first-class cottage and hotel sites.

Every person who has made the journey from the island to the steamboat landing has had occasion in the past to contemplate the drive with feelings anything but agreeable. The road, in short, is a model Jersey road, full of breaks and ruts, and apparently the receptacle of all the dust in the country.

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The same rise in the thermometer, however, which causes overcoats to be left off, and undercoats to be thrown open and an undue display thus to be made of chains, watches, and diamond spiral studs, thereby sounding the alarum to the thieves whose figures the rufflers and wrapping of cold weather served to keep at a convenient distance.

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lations which are dealt out during the early hours of the morning at the doors of our citizens is of course a fact—the habit, of course, having long passed into one of the most popular institutions with which the country regales the town. But the brazenness of Messrs. Betka and Rohrburg, the gully milkmen in question, surpasses anything of the kind ever witnessed in a civilized community during the nineteenth century.

In addition to these unique facts I have to state that one Owen Gannon has lately been executing a drunken war-dance on the person of Ann Riley. Mr. Gannon is remarkable for the mixture of strength and agility of his terpsichorean moods, and the only objection to them in the present case is that he jumped one of Ann's eyes out, and danced with such nerve and abandon upon various other tender portions of her person, that it is doubtful whether she will recover.

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